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Department of Emergency Services Personnel Raise Funds to Support Breast Cancer Awareness

(Forest Hill, MD) - - Employees with the Department of Emergency Services (DES) have come together with a unique idea for raising funds to support **Breast Cancer Awareness** during the month of October. Dozens of employees purchased specially designed T-shirts with a unique logo of a dispatcher's radio headset on a pink ribbon. The theme was created by Tim Coale and Tamara Haney of the 911 Center.

"Tim Coale approached me one evening in early September with the idea, knowing this is a cause I am personally involved with," said Ms. Haney. "The idea was to design a pink T-shirt that DES staff could purchase at their own expense, and wear in lieu of a uniform shirt during October to show our support as a Department for **Breast Cancer Awareness**," Haney added.

Ms. Haney's proposal was warmly received by Director Russell J. Strickland who added "This is an excellent idea and we should move forward with the initiative."

Additionally, DES personnel Laura Potts, Joy Clark and Bobby Zachry participated in the Harford County Government **"Bra to Bravo"** contest whereby employees decorated bras in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The DES entry titled **"A Day in the Life of a Dispatcher"** was recognized by the judges as the most creative entry.

Proceeds from the DES T-shirt sales will support the **Susan G. Komen Maryland Race for the Cure**, which is also supported by employees throughout Harford County Government.

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Commenting on the effort of DES employees to support the *Susan G. Komen Maryland Race for the Cure*, Director Strickland said, “I am proud on the initiative shown by own personnel and for the teamwork put forth to support not only the sale of T-shirts, but also the design of a winning entry in the *“Bra to Bravo”* contest.” Our 911 Center dispatchers are some of the finest public safety employees in the state and I congratulate them for their support of this worthwhile cause,” Strickland added.

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